



St. John the Baptist Parish

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Pre-Lent 1

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Czwarta Niedziela Zwyczajna – “B”
January 31, 2021

Events for the week:

Sun., 1/31/21 – 10:00AM - Holy Mass for Sp. Joanne Plaxa, of. by ANS Members.

Mon., 2/1/21 – 8:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass for Sp. **Władysław Dudek**.

Tue., 2/2/21 – 8:00AM – Holy Mass, intention for: Sp. **Marianna Zaborowska**.

Wed., 2/3/21 – 8:00AM – Holy Mass, intention for: all **Parishioners**.

Fri., 2/5/21 – **afternoon** – Holy Mass and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for **Victoria Plichta** on her birthday

Sat., 2/6/21 – 8:45AM – Holy Mass and Litany to the BVM, for: Bp Jerry Rafalko and Rev. Dawid Rowinski.

Next Sunday, Feb. 7 – Holy Mass for Sp. Michael & Sophia Stetts.

THIS WEEK PRAYER for: - Bishop Jerry Rafalko, his wife, Rev. David Rowinski, his family and All Saints Cathedral in Chicago, IL.

In today's Gospel we hear how in Capernaum Jesus amazes the people by His words and actions. In this Mass the same Jesus speaks and is active in our midst.

I Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

II Reading: I Corinthians 7:32-35

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-35

Jesus and His disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came He went to the synagogue and began to teach. And His teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, He taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: He gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey Him.' And His reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

- **Hall for Rent** is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.
- **February 17** – Ash Wednesday
- **March 7** – Annual Parish meeting after the Mass.
- **Friday, March 26** – Halushki sale; pre-order till **March 19** - \$7.00 per quart.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: February 5 – Victoria Plichta.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Father Richard Wosiak - Helen Hopko - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen – Marjorie Dean - Jaden Leiby. *H & R Center Tremont*: Dolores Halaburda (309); *Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski (223).

FUTURE MASS INTENTIONS: Feb. 7: Sp. Michael & Sophia Stetts; Feb. 14: Sp. James Dean; Feb. 21: Sp. John David's family; Feb. 28: Sp. Julian Bednarek Sr.; March 7: Sp. Joanne Plaxa; March 14: for our Congregation; March 21: Sp. James Dean; March 28: Sp. John David's family.

PNCC 2021 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods. Develop and emphasize Discipleship through **2021**: *Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This will give us a better sense of ourselves as the Church. During 2021 we will examine the lives of the early disciples of our Lord and their discipleship to see what we can learn from them and apply to our daily living.*

FEBRUARY – JEREMIAH

Reflection and Action Item: Perhaps more than any of the other Old Testament prophets, Jeremiah's story reveals both the inner struggles and external persecutions that come with being a faithful instrument of God's will. Yet, his journey only foreshadows the reality of the Cross as embraced by our Lord Jesus for our salvation and given to us as the daily means of our own discipleship. We can feel like Jeremiah sometimes, but as members of the Church, we are called to help one another remain faithful when times are difficult. Sometime this month, prayerfully review the *Spiritual Works of Mercy* and find 2 ways that you can apply them to help lighten the load carried by a fellow disciple of Jesus.

February 2: Solemnity – Presentation of our Lord - This feast was first observed in the Eastern Church as “The Encounter”. In the sixth century it began to be observed in the West: in Rome with a more penitential character and in France with solemn blessings and processions of candles. It is popularly known as “Candlemass”. The Presentation of the Lord formally concludes the celebration of the Nativity; with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.